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Mrs. Oswald Believes Son Was U.S. Agent

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Mrs. Marguerite Oswald said yesterday she told the Warren commission she believes her son was a U. S. intelligence agent who was "set up to take the blame" for President Kennedy's assassination. She said she believes her son was innocent.

The 56-year-old mother of Lee Harvey Oswald finished three days of testimony before the Presidential investigating commission. Then she held an impromptu news conference in which she acknowledged—despite her belief in his innocence—that: "I realize that a human being he could be guilty."

But she said she possesses "pertinent evidence" leading

her to believe the assassin is still in life.

Chief Justice Earl Warren told newsmen after the hearing, however, that Fort Worth practical nurse offered no evidence to support her belief that the 24-year-old ex-Marine was a secret agent for the Central Intelligence Agency. He added:

"She contends that her story to us and the correspondence she presented, taken together, lead her to the speculation—I use the word speculation, as she used it—that he was an agent."

He said Mrs. Oswald's lengthy testimony provided no facts that would "change the picture as we knew it up to the time she testified."

The bulk of evidence in the

commission's hands—including a five volume FBI report

—points to Oswald, who became interested in Marxism as a teenager, as the lone perpetrator of the assassination in Dallas last Nov. 22.

Mr. Warren said he believed some of the mother's testimony would be useful, however, and summed up her presentation with this sentence:

"She says she believes her son is innocent, that it is possible that he committed the crime, but that it is possible that other people could have committed it."

The plump, motherly looking woman went readily to a

group of microphones when the hearing ended and immediately began to tell her story.

She said she intends to continue "making public appearances and investigations, if it takes another year," to find the assassin.

She will work, she said, with Mark Lane, a New York lawyer who is making speeches and lectures in Oswald's behalf across the country.